PAY OF TEACHERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS,

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: I wish to draw the attention of the Chair to an advertisement published in one of the leading Malayalam newspapers of the State, which runs like this: STATEMENT IN THE MALAYALA RAJYAM *re.*

"പ്രൈമറിസ്കൂൾ അദ്ധ്യാപകന്മാരുടെ ശമ്പളം ട്രഷറികളിൽ നിന്നും വാങ്ങുന്ന വിധത്തെസംബന്ധിച്ചു വരുത്തിയിട്ടുള്ള നൂതന പരിഷ്കാരം മൂലം അവർ അനുഭവിച്ചുവരുന്ന ക്ലേശങ്ങളും അസൌകര്യങ്ങളും എന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ വന്നതിന്റെ ഫലമായി ഇത്തവണത്തെ ബഡ്ജറ്റ് നിയമസഭാസമ്മേളനത്തിൽ ഈ സംഗതി ഞാൻ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരികയും, ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ നയംമാറ്റി ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ പഴയ നടപടി തന്നെ അനുവർത്തിക്കുന്നതിനു വേണ്ടതു ഉടനടി ചെയ്യുന്നതാണെന്നു ഗവണ്മെന്റു ഭാഗത്തുനിന്നും സദയം പ്രസ്താവിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള കാര്യം അറിയിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു."

This is signed by Mr. T. P. Velayudhan Pillai, M. L. A. Is such an advertisement proper in the interests of the House?

PRESIDENT: Does that advertisement arise in connection with some answer given by Government during Budget Debate?

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT: As a matter of law or constitutional procedure there is no objection to any honourable member stating that on account of his efforts a certain reform was either brought about or is likely to be brought about. It is entirely left to the honourable member. If he says anything inaccurate, of course, the public will judge for themselves. It is open to the honourable members to publish notes of what they have done. It is a mode of educating the public.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: The expression used there shows that it is almost an advertisement. I doubt whether any member with catholic views would do like that?

PRESIDENT: It is evident that the newspaper correspondents seated in this Assembly to the left of me are very much alive and are present during the whole of the debate. They publish what takes place here. The construction to be put by the honourable member on the results of the indefatigable efforts of another member is a matter which the honourable member must decide and if it is to be particularly chronicled, it is open to the honourable member to do so.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: But in this instance the facts are different. After some discussion the Director of Public Instruction said that action had already been taken on the matter, referred to in the so called advertisemant.

PRESIDENT: The remedy is in the hands of the honourable member who might indicate that it was not an unaided effort of one honourable member but the conjoint and co-operative effort of many honourable members.

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MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: My point is that the matter was interpellated by several members. The Director of Public Instruction declared in unequivocal terms that orders have already been passed before the matter was raised in the papers.

PRESIDENT: Is that so?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Yes, Sir, action had already been taken long before the members referred the matter to Government.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Then, may I know whether an honourable member of this House can take upon himself the credit for having achieved a particular object in a matter where Government have passed the necessary orders long before the matter was mooted and unequivocally declared on the floor of the house?

PRESIDENT: I do not think this can be raised as a matter of privilege. After question time question of privilege can be raised only when there is disrespect to the House involved in a particular statement. For instance, there are some professions as that of a doctor or a lawyer where professional rules have to be observed. One cannot publish what a doctor or a lawyer may be able to do or can do. So far as legislators are concerned as they are the representatives of the public they can publish statements provided they are accurate and there is absolutely no harm in a legislator trying to educate the public in what has been done or what can be done. One should see that no inaccuracy creeps in the publication of facts.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഇതു് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെംബറിന്റെ പരിശ്രമഫലമായിട്ടല്ല ഉണ്ടായതെന്നും അതിനുമുമ്പുതന്നെ ഉണ്ടായതാണെന്നും ഗവണ്മെന്റു് സഭയെ ഗ്രഹിപ്പിക്കുമോ?

PRESIDENT: This debate will make it clear.

NEW MEMBER.

Dr C. C. John took the oath and signed the rolls:—

Legislative Business.

THE TRAVANCORE MOTOR VEHICLES BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer*): Sir, I rise to present the report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Travancore Motor Vehicles Bill and beg to move that the Bill, as revised by the Select Committee, be taken into consideration.

MR. E. G. SALTER: Sir, I second the motion.

The question that the Bill be taken into consideration was put and carried.

Clause 1.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: Sir, I beg to submit that the amendment to clause 1 may be considered after the subsequent amendments have been considered and resolved upon by this House for a particular reason.

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